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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

RAJEL J. PATEL, D.D.S.
Licensed No. DI 19424

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of information that Rajel J. Patel, D.D.S. ("respondent"), had entered into a consent order with the Department of Banking and Insurance on April 15, 1998. That order, in which respondent neither admitted nor denied the conduct alleged, set forth allegations that respondent had submitted insurance claims on which the dates of treatment as submitted did not reflect the dates that treatment was provided. On November 18, 1998, respondent appeared without counsel at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent submitted forms to an insurance company seeking reimbursement for treatment where the dates on the forms did not correspond to dates of treatment.

These facts establish basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (e), and (h). It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 6 DAY OF September, 2000

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice dentistry in this State shall be and hereby is suspended effective on October 1, 2000 for a period of ninety (90) days, of which thirty (30) days, specifically from December 1 through December 30, 2000, shall be served as a period of active suspension. The remainder of the suspension shall be stayed and served as a period of probation. During the period of active suspension, respondent shall derive no financial remuneration directly or indirectly related to patient fees for dental services rendered during that period by other licensees for patients of respondent's practice. Respondent shall not enter the premises of the dental facility during the period of active suspension, nor shall respondent provide consultation services to other licensees. Respondent shall not sign or submit claim forms during the period of active suspension for treatment rendered during that period nor shall respondent render other administrative services or perform supervisory duties.

2 Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the amount of \$ 2500.00 for conduct with respect to the fraudulent submissions. Payment of the civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101 no later than thirty (30) days from the entry of this Consent Order.

3 Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$ 51.29. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than

thirty (30) days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, at the address described in paragraph #2

4. Failure to remit any payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this consent order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: Barbara Ann Rich, DDS
Henry Finger, D.D.S. Barbara Ann Rich, DDS
President

I have read and understand this
Consent Order and agree
to be bound by its terms. I consent
to the entry of this Order.

Rajal J. Patel
Rajal Patel, D.D.S.

8-24-00
Date

witness: David P. Affetto

DAVID P. AFFETTO
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